



ARIZONA AGRI-WEEKLY

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Field Crops

For the week ending July 16, squaring has occurred on 98 percent of the cotton acreage, ahead of the 5-year average of 92 percent. Sixty-four percent of the cotton acreage have set bolls. Cotton condition is mostly fair to good. Arizona's small grain harvest is virtually complete.

Alfalfa harvest was active on over three quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa condition remains mostly fair to good. Range and pasture conditions across the State remain very poor to poor.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped cantaloupes, carrots, honeydews, seeded and seedless watermelons, and other miscellaneous melons. Western Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes, honeydews, green onions, seeded and seedless watermelons, and other miscellaneous melons.

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were mostly above normal for the week ending July 16. Temperatures ranged from 0 degrees above normal at Canyon de Chelly to 11 degrees above normal at Willcox. The highest temperature of the week was 116 degrees at Parker, and the lowest reading occurred in Grand Canyon at 45 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 15 of the 22 reporting stations. Marana received the most at 1.03 inches. Aguila and Maricopa received the lowest precipitation at 0.01 inches. Marana is the only reporting station to receive above normal precipitation for the year to date.

Range and Pasture

During June, Arizona's rangeland and pastures continued to be very dry due to lack of moisture throughout the State. Grazing conditions were very poor to fair depending on location. High elevation pastures were in poor to fair condition. Mid elevation and low elevation conditions were very poor to fair. Arizona cattle and calves were in mostly poor to fair condition. Soil moisture and stock water supplies were mostly short. Insect damage was light to moderate.

In Arizona's Northern region, overall grazing condition was poor to fair. Conditions at high elevation were fair, but mid elevation conditions ranged from very poor to fair. Low elevation pastures were in poor condition. Cattle and calves were in fair condition. Stock water and soil moisture were short throughout the region. Insect damage was light.

The Central region's rangeland and pasture condition ranged from very poor to fair at all elevations depending on location. Cattle and calves were in mostly poor to fair condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were mostly short. Insect damage was moderate.

In the South, rangeland and pastures were in mostly poor to fair condition. Condition varied from poor to good at high elevations. Mid elevation condition ranged from very poor to fair depending on location. Lower elevation range and pasture condition was mostly poor to fair. Cattle and calves were in mostly poor to fair condition. Stock water and soil moisture supplies were mostly short. Insect damage was light.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data
July 10 - July 16, 2006**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal
Aguila	91	6	111	72	0.01	0.99	-3.59
Buckeye	94	5	112	76	0.06	1.18	-1.90
Canyon De Chelly	76	0	100	52	0.08	2.35	-1.59
Coolidge	93	7	113	68	0.00	2.53	-0.96
Douglas	85	7	102	68	0.21	1.69	-2.39
Flagstaff	68	2	90	46	0.06	5.33	-5.19
Grand Canyon	68	6	94	45	0.23	3.89	-6.58
Kingman	88	5	108	66	0.00	1.91	-2.46
Marana	92	5	109	69	1.03	5.09	0.66
Maricopa	96	8	113	77	0.01	2.92	-0.35
Paloma	93	4	114	70	0.03	1.72	-1.36
Parker	96	7	116	75	0.00	0.26	-1.93
Payson	77	2	101	47	0.62	2.61	-6.75
Phoenix	101	8	114	88	0.00	1.61	-1.47
Prescott	78	6	99	58	0.07	2.99	-5.12
Roll	94	6	114	71	0.03	0.97	-0.09
Safford	87	5	109	66	0.00	1.71	-1.60
St. Johns	81	7	103	59	0.00	2.24	-2.04
Tucson	93	7	107	78	0.30	2.43	-1.59
Willcox	90	11	104	73	0.08	1.82	-2.35
Winslow	80	2	102	59	0.11	0.53	-2.39
Yuma	96	6	113	76	0.00	0.47	-0.78

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

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